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Invention Title <b>EXPANDING PARALLEL JAW DEVICE FOR USE WITH AN ELECTROMECHANICAL DRIVER DEVICE</b>		Inventors <b>Michael P. Whitman</b>	

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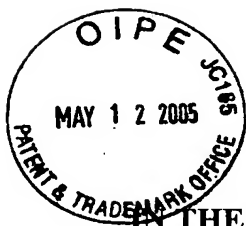
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. §121**

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.